Instructions for filling in the declaration form

Packaging data is reported using Rinki's Extranet service at **extranet.rinkiin.fi**. The declaration form can be found on the Extranet home page. Instructions can be found beside the declaration form. Please also note the instructions that open from the question mark symbol ? in the declaration form.

The reporting applies to the packaging of all products imported to Finland and to the packaging used in Finland for packing products. For statistical purposes, the reuse of packaging in Finland is also reported.

Do not report the packaging of products packed in Finland for export (incl. exports to the Åland Islands).

A product's packaging may consist of several parts of packaging that can be separated from one another, such as a plastic pot and aluminium foil lid.

► Parts of packaging made of different materials that can be easily separated from each other are reported separately as if they were separate packages.

Different packaging materials that cannot be easily separated from each other are reported separately under the predominant packaging material, unless they account for a small proportion of the weight of the packaging (please see pp. 5-7 for more details).

Please remember:

- Report the total volumes of packaging used by the companies covered in your agreement.
- Assess the actual weights of all packaging and the proportions of different materials in the weight of the packaging as accurately as possible. You can find examples of the weight of various types of packaging at Rinkiin.fi, but you should use the actual weights of the packaging in your calculations.
- Enter the packaging volumes in tonnes to one decimal place (e.g. 2,130 kg = 2.1 tonnes).
- Include all packaging and packaging materials used for preserving, protecting, handling and transporting and displaying your products. For example, a product may be packed in sales packaging which may be packed in grouped packaging, and may be transported together in transport packaging.
- Declare packaging used for packing or transporting your products even if you have contracted packaging or logistics services from another company.

PLEASE NOTE: deposit beverage packaging (plastic, metal, glass) is not reported to Rinki.

Examples of packaging:

Glass jar

Metal lid
Shelf ready packaging

Display stand

Pallet

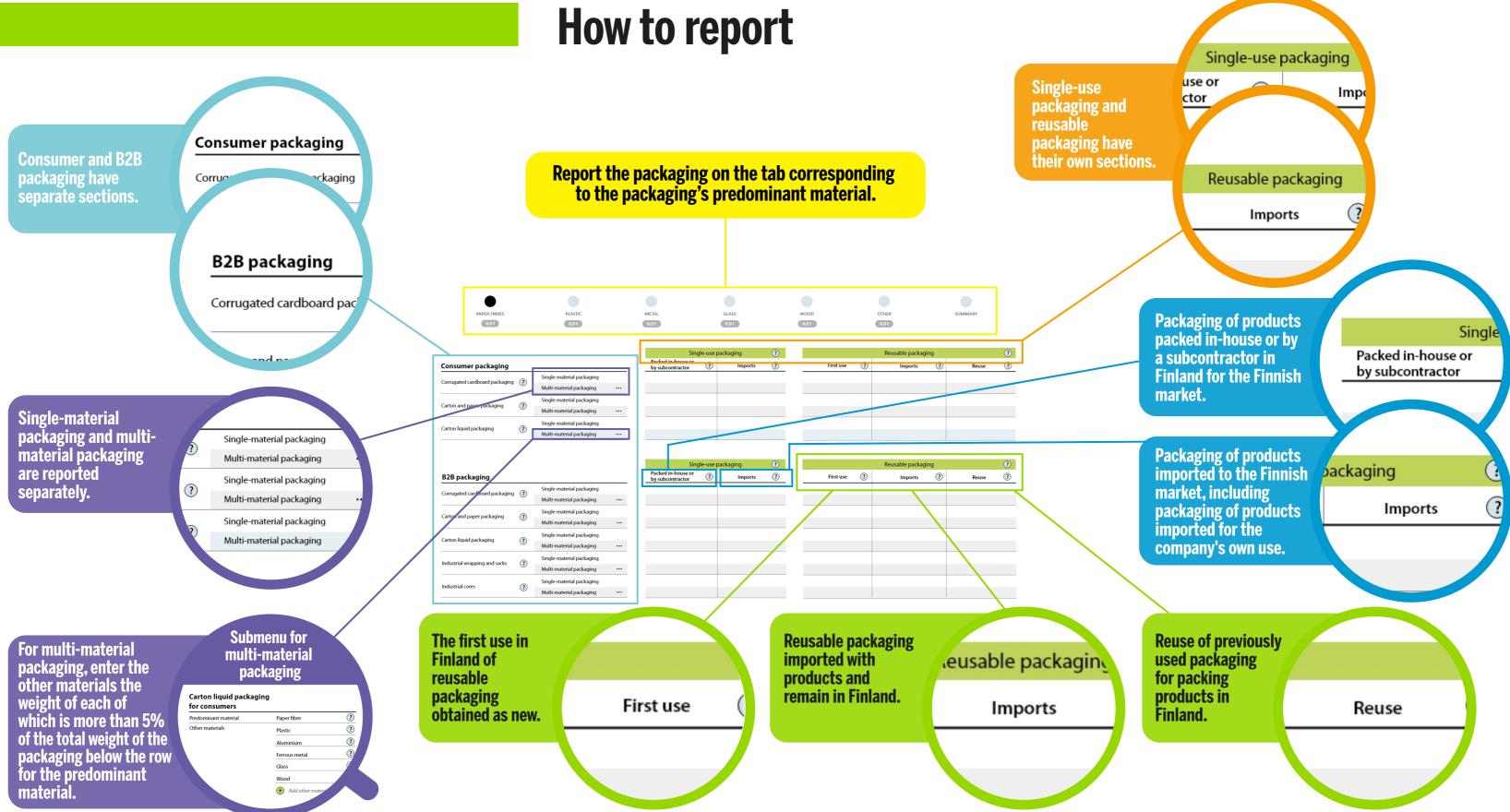
Pallet hood

Strapping

More information:

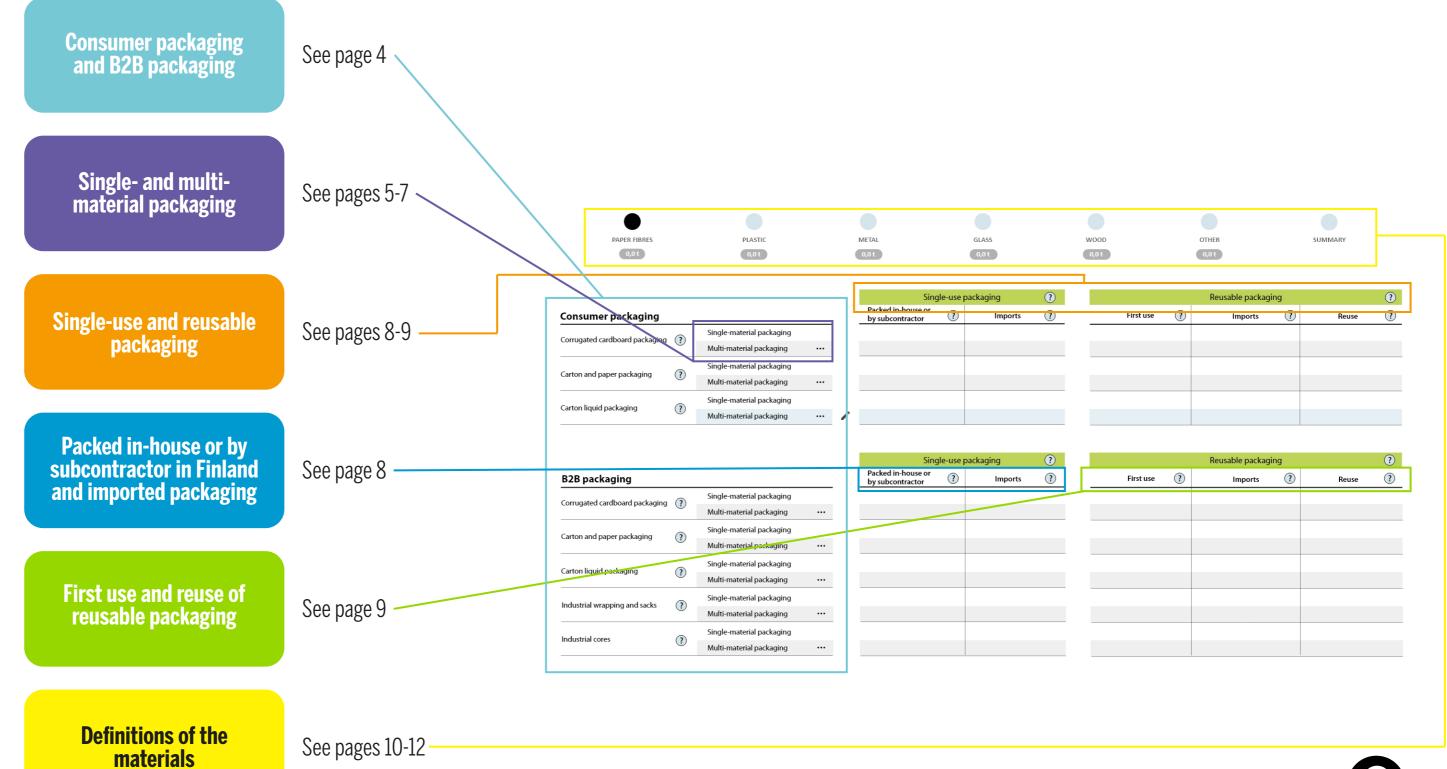
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Definitions related to the reporting





Consumer and B2B packaging

Consumer packaging

Consumer packaging comprises the packaging that ends up to or may end up to consumers or households along with products.

Consumer packaging includes sales packaging for consumer products and some grouped packaging, for example. Consumer packaging also includes packaging used at the point of sale for packing products, such as paper and plastic bags, boxes, single-use containers, etc., that consumers take with them.

Please note:

Packaging suitable for consumer use, even if it is sold to businesses, is reported as consumer packaging. Examples include different types of food packaging that can be sold not only to households but also to restaurants and service companies.



B2B packaging

B2B packaging comprises the packaging that ends up to companies along with products.

B2B packaging includes sales packaging as well as grouped and transport packaging for products intended for companies. B2B packaging also includes such grouped and transport packaging for consumer products that does not go to consumers with the product.





Packaging made of one or more materials



The predominant material in packaging is the material that accounts for the largest proportion in weight.

- If the packaging consists of several materials that cannot be easily separated manually from each other, it is reported on the tab on the declaration form corresponding to its predominant material.
- The predominant material is reported on its own row and the **other materials** separately below the predominant material unless they account for a small proportion of the weight of the packaging, in which case they are included in the weight of the predominant material.

Report as single-material packaging:

Packaging

- that is made of a single material; or
- that contains, in addition to the predominant material, a small quantity of other material or materials, each of which weighs a maximum of 5% of the total weight of the packaging (see examples on page 6).



Please note:

Material here refers to paper fibre, plastic, aluminium, other metal (steel and tinplate), glass, wood or ceramics, for example.

Report as multi-material packaging:

Packaging

- that is made up of several materials that CANNOT be easily separated manually; and
- that contains, in addition to the predominant material, at least one other material that weighs more than 5% of the total weight of the packaging. The predominant material is the material that accounts for the largest proportion of the weight of the packaging (see examples on pages 6-7)



How to report multi-material packaging

Packaging that consists of several materials which cannot be easily separated manually from each other is reported on the tab on the declaration form corresponding to its predominant material.

Report packaging as **single-material packaging** if it contains only small quantities of materials other than the predominant material (each accounting for a maximum 5% of the total weight of the packaging).

If the packaging contains more than 5% in weight of any one material other than the predominant material, it is reported as **multi-material packaging**, and any materials exceeding 5% of the total weight are reported separately below the predominant material. See definitions on page 5.



Examples

Examples of packaging to be reported as single-material packaging:

Crisp bag made of metallised plastic film that contains a maximum of 5% aluminium of the total weight

The total weight of the packaging is reported under plastic packaging as Combination packaging

► Single-material packaging

Corrugated cardboard box with metal rivets, the weight of which does not exceed 5% of the total weight of the packaging

The total weight of the packaging is reported under Corrugated cardboard packaging

► Single-material packaging

Glass bottle with an aluminium collar and a paper label which cannot be easily removed manually and each of which accounts for a maximum of 5% of the total weight

The total weight is reported under Glass packaging - class A

► Single-material packaging

(Loose aluminium cap is reported separately on the metal tab of the declaration form)

Wooden cable reel, the metal parts of which weigh a maximum of 5% of the total weight

Enter the total weight of the packaging on the Cable reels row

► Single-material packaging

Examples of packaging to be reported as multi-material packaging:

Carton liquid packaging made up of 75% paper fibre and 25% plastic

Reported under Carton liquid packaging

- ► Multi-material packaging
- ► Enter 75% of the total weight on the Predominant material Paper fibre row
- ► Enter 25 % of the total weight on the Other materials Plastic row

Composite packaging

Composite packaging with 60% plastic and 40% mineral Reported as plastic packaging under Combination packaging

- ► Multi-material packaging
- ► Enter 60% of the weight as the Predominant material, Plastic, and below,
- ▶ in the field "Add other material", write "Mineral" and report 40% of the total weight of the packaging on this row

See next page for an example of Carton liquid packaging with plastic cap



Example: carton liquid packaging with plastic cap

The packaging consists of:

Packaging 1: Carton liquid packaging and a plastic cap collar that is not easily detachable from the carton liquid packaging. 75% of the total weight is paper fibre, 20% is plastic (the plastic in the carton liquid packaging + plastic in the collar) and a maximum of 5% aluminium.

Packaging 2: Separate plastic cap.

How to report it:

Packaging 1: Carton liquid packaging and plastic cap collar are reported on the **Paper fibres** tab of the declaration form.

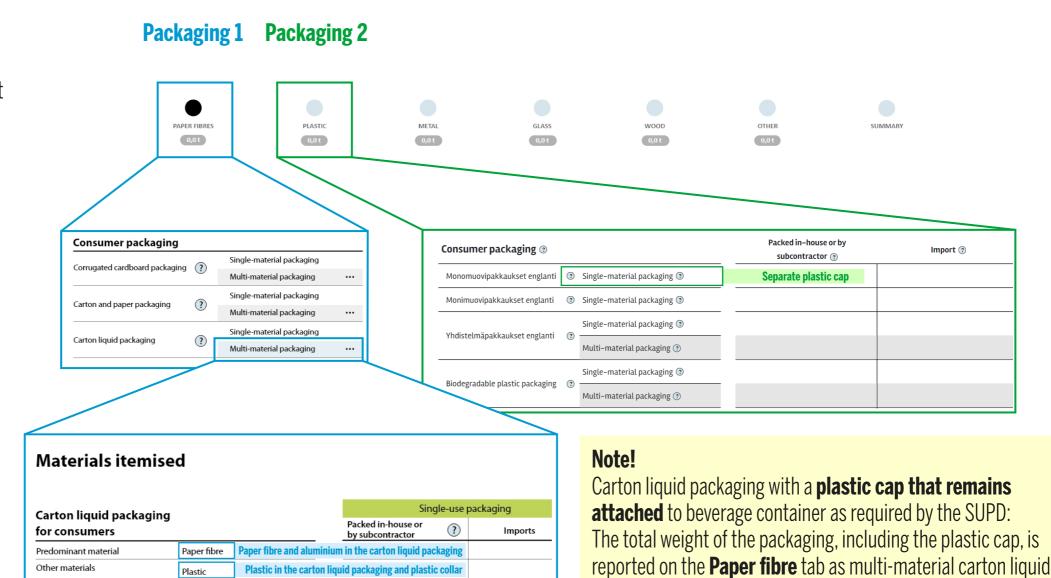
Carton liquid packaging

- ► Multi-material packaging
- The predominant material is reported on the **Paper fibre** row (80% of the weight of the packaging as aluminium is included in the predominant material as its weight does not exceed 5% of the total weight of the packaging) and plastic is reported below the predominant material, on the **Other materials Plastic** row (20% of the weight).

Packaging 2: The separate plastic cap is reported on the **Plastic** tab of the declaration form.

Mono-plastic packaging

► Single-material packaging





packaging. The predominant material is reported on the Paper

fibre row. The cap is reported among the other plastic used in

the packaging on the **Other materials, Plastic** row.

Aluminium

Ferrous meta

Wood

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Single-use packaging

Single-use packaging

Single-use packaging is intended to be used only once for the original purpose.



Please note:

Packaging that is intended for single use, for example cardboard boxes, may also be used more than once. However, the reuse of single-use packaging is not reported on the declaration form.

Packaging that is packed in-house or by a subcontractor in Finland

Single-use packaging of products that are packed in-house or by a subcontractor for the Finnish market in Finland. The packaging remains in Finland and your company owned the product at the time of packing.

Please note: packaging used in internal transfers within the same company in Finland is not reported on the declaration form. An internal transfer means that a packed product is transferred in Finland within the same business ID.



Imports

Packaging of products imported to the Finnish market, including single-use packaging of products imported for the company's own use. Remember to report the packaging of products imported from the Åland Islands.

Please note: do not declare any packaging of products that your company imported to Finland and then returned to another country in their original packaging.





Reusable packaging

Reusable packaging

Reusable packaging is designed to withstand multiple uses for its original purpose.

Examples include plastic bakery and meat boxes, reusable pallets, metal roller cages and refillable gas bottles.



The first use and reuse of reusable packaging and subsequent reuse

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Imports

First use

The first use in Finland of reusable packaging obtained as new.
Report the subsequent use as reuse.

Imports

First use

Reusable packaging imported with products that remain in Finland.
Report the subsequent use as reuse.

Reuse

The use in Finland of reusable packaging after the first use and the reuse of imported packaging.

Also enter the packaging that your firm has leased or borrowed for its own use (e.g. rental pallets or post office roller cages). Add up all the times they were used and multiply this by the packaging weights.



Reuse

Definitions of the materials

Paper fibre packaging

Corrugated cardboard packaging comprises packaging and packaging accessories made of corrugated cardboard. For example, various cardboard boxes, platforms, display racks, layer boards, corner supports and pallets.

Cardboard packaging comprises, for example, cores for toilet paper and kitchen rolls, cereal and biscuit boxes, sweet boxes, egg boxes, one-way fibre packaging filled at the point of sale such as hamburger boxes, plates and coffee cups.

Paper packaging comprises, for example, paper bags and wrapping such as sugar and flour bags as well as paper labels and wrapping for copier paper.

Carton liquid packaging comprises, for example, cartons and containers for milk, cream, sour milk, yoghurt, juice, syrup, seasoning, laundry liquids and fabric softeners. The packaging may contain other substances than liquids, such as powders, spices or foodstuffs.

Industrial wrapping and sacks comprise packaging for products supplied to industry. They are fibre-based and often plastic coated or laminated. For example, wrapping and end labels for paper rolls, wrapping for sheets of paper, edge reinforcements and corner supports, wrapping laminates for the timber, plywood, board and steel industries and paper sacks.

Industrial cores are inner cardboard cores for rolls. They are used, for instance, in the paper, plastic and textile industries.



Definitions of the materials

Plastic packaging

Plastic packaging comprises, for example, shrink and other wrapping film, pallet hoods, plastic shopping bags and smaller bags, cups, tubes, bottles, trays and their lid films, closures, caps, canisters, plastic sacks and big bags, strapping, plastic boxes, crates, pallets, trays used for transporting deposit plastic bottles, bubble packaging and polystyrene packaging. Declare also packaging made of biodegradable plastic. Plastic IBCs and containers with a volume of over 1000 litres are not reported.

Mono-plastic packaging packaging is made of one plastic type (plastic types are e.g. PET, PE, PP, PS etc.).

- May contain multiple layers of the same plastic type (e.g. LDPE and MDPE).
- Label can be made of same or different plastic type or a different material (e.g. paper).
- Can contain additives (e.g. talcum, lime, EVOH).
- Note: PVC/PVDC plastic or biodegradable plastic containing packaging is reported separately.

Multi-plastic packaging is made of several plastic types.

- May contain multiple layers of different plastic types.
- Label can be made of same or different plastic type or of a different material (e.g. paper).
- Can contain additives (e.g. talcum, lime, EVOH).
- Note: PVC/PVDC plastic or biodegradable plastic containing packaging is reported separately.

Combination packaging is plastic packaging containing also some other material than plastic.

- If the share of any other single material does not exceed 5% of the total weight of the packaging, the packaging is reported as a single-material packaging.
- If packaging contains more than 5% of another single material, the packaging is reported as a multi-material packaging and quantities of the predominant material and the other materials are reported separately.
- Note: PVC/PVDC plastic or biodegradable plastic containing packaging is reported separately.

Biodegradable plastic packaging is plastic packaging, that is entirely or partially made of biodegradable plastic. Biodegradable plastic can be bio-based or oil-based. Biodegradable plastic packaging decomposes in a physical, chemical, thermal or biological process so that most of the material is decomposed into carbon dioxide, biomass and water. Biodegradable plastic packaging must meet the requirements of EN13432 or a similar internationally approved standard. Oxo-degradable plastic packaging is not considered biodegradable.

PVC/PVDC-packaging is plastic packaging, that is entirely or partially made of PVC or PVDC plastic.

Shopping bags and small bags for consumer use are reported separately. Shopping bags and small bags for company use are not reported separately, but are reported together with other plastic packaging.

Shopping bags are large bags regardless of the plastic used in their production. Please note: reusable shopping bags are not reported as they are products, not packaging.

Small bags are those used for fruit and vegetables, for example, as well as small bags used in speciality shops such as pharmacies.



Definitions of the materials

Metal packaging

Aluminium packaging comprises, for example, aluminium trays and food, aerosol and beverage cans made of aluminium as well as aluminium foil and lids for beakers and trays, bakery trays and aluminium closures such as screw caps for bottles.

Tinplate packaging comprises, for example, food cans, certain aerosol and beverage cans, cigar boxes, paint pails and cans, canisters and closures such as crown caps and lids for glass jars.

Steel packaging comprises, for example, steel drums and containers (containers with a volume of over 1000 litres are not reported), metal strapping and bale wiring, various metal transport units such as roller cages, container trolleys, beverage dollies, pallets, metal cores, pressurised casks for carbonated beverages and gas bottles (excl. fire extinguishers).

Ferrous metal packaging comprises tinplate and steel packaging.

Glass packaging

Glass packaging comprises glass pots and jars and non-deposit glass bottles.

Glass packaging - class A

- Conventional packaging glass (soda lime glass) packaging.
- May contain other materials (e.g. plastic, metal, paper fibre, wood etc.) a maximum 5% of each, but not at all stainless steel or CSP (ceramic, stone, porcelain).

Glass packaging - class B

- Soda lime glass packaging, with stainless steel or CSP material.
- Soda lime glass packaging, with over 5% of some other material (e.g. wood, plastic etc.).
- Glass packaging with opal-, borosilicate- or crystal glass.

Wooden packaging

FIN pallets are stamped wooden pallets that conform to the standard (100 x 120 cm).

EUR/EPAL pallets are stamped wooden pallets that conform to the standard (80 x 120 cm).

Rental pallets are different types of pallets that can be rented.

Please note: please check whether the pallets you used were new or used when you bought them. If you use rental pallets, check with your pallet supplier in Finland to determine what proportion of the pallets you are using are completely new and being used for the first time, and what proportion have been used before. Report the new ones (First use) and the used ones (Reuse) in the correct columns.

Please note: do not report pallets owned by an overseas pallet provider that were used to import products into Finland if you return them empty to another country.

Transfers within the same company are not reported either.

An internal transfer means that a packed product is transferred in Finland within the same business ID.

Other wooden pallets include other pallets of different sizes, including FIN and EUR-sized single-use pallets.

Cable reels are used to pack various cables.

Other wooden packaging comprises boxes, lids, collars, stickers, bearers, barrels, etc.

Other packaging

Other packaging refers to packaging the predominant material of which is something other than paper fibre, plastic, metal, glass or wood, such as ceramic packaging, jute bags and single-use take-away dishes made from palm leaves.

Enter the material that the other packaging is made of on the form.

Packaging made of biodegradable and bio-based plastic is reported as plastic packaging.

